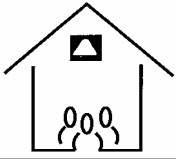


# School District 43 (Coquitlam)



## ***The Board Update***

*News from the Board  
meeting of  
Tuesday,  
October 1, 2002*

**All  
ABOARD!**

**Barb Hobson**

**Trustees**

*Chair*

**Holly Butterfield**

*Vice-Chair*

Gail Alty

John J. Keryluk

Brian Robinson

Judy Shirra

Barry Tyldesley

Gerri Wallis

Keith Watkins

**Laureen Doerksen**

*Superintendent of Schools*

**Administration**

**Lorcan O'Melinn**

*Secretary-Treasurer*

### **Presentations**

#### **Coquitlam Teachers' Association (CTA) on World Teachers' Day**

First Vice-President of the CTA Teresa Grandinetti said that World Teachers' Day is a UNESCO initiative to recognize the contribution of teachers to Canada and the world. She affirmed that teachers encourage dialogue with and between students thereby contributing to social development, promoting understanding, and building positively cultural diversity. World Teacher' Day honours the role teachers play in assuming the well-being of society. She invited trustees to join the celebration on October 3rd at Maillard Middle School. The Board of School Trustees proclaimed October 5th World Teachers' Day and gave the proclamation to First Vice-President Grandinetti. Trustee Judy Shirra also present the City of Port Coquitlam's proclamation declaring October 5th World Teachers' Day.

#### **Gleneagle Leadership Group, Connects (CONX)**

Jean Fraser, Vice-Principal, Caryl Nelson, Counsellor, and representatives of the 80 Gleneagle students lead by Sharon Wu described CONX. This student leadership initiative is designed to assist in easing the transition into the school for new students. In particular, students are working with grade 9's and international students to help them feel connected to Gleneagle by welcoming and mentoring them. The additional members of CONX who presented were: Marie Claire Gabriel, Tyler Choutka, Sadia Aziza, Beni Cheung, Lilian Teta, Brandden Dancer, Graison Corney, Jade Swartzberg, Thomas Dragon, Ashkan Alijani, Justin Lee, Jenny Sui and Brigitte Drescher. Trustee Judy Shirra thanked and gave school district pins to the presenters on behalf of the Board.

#### **Bus Service to Minnekhada Middle School**

Parent Kerry Van Aswegen requested that the Board consider allowing students who reside inside the walk limits to travel to and from school on school district buses. She proposed that parents pay fees for the service and made suggestions to streamline the administration and collecting these fees. The Board asked that a report be prepared by Director of Purchasing Services Dex Hallwood to examine the feasibility of this proposal.

#### **Special Public Board Meeting**

Tuesday, October 8, 2002 @ 8:00 p.m. @ Winslow, Gallery Room  
1100B Winslow Avenue

## District Staff Reports

### Superintendent Lauren Doerksen made the following report:

- School startup has gone smoothly.
- The September 30th snapshot shows that our enrolment is 31,398 FTE students—down 540 FTE from September 30th, 2001.
- On September 12th Trustee Holly Butterfield and District Principal Patricia Gartland attended the 10th anniversary celebration of Tzu Chi Foundation and received on behalf of the school district, a cheque in the amount of \$15,000 to be distributed throughout the district to enrich their lives through extra curricular activities.
- The Riverside Secondary School Korean drummers were featured on City TV with Nathan Hymer, chef at Riverside.
- The CTA/CPVPA Retirement Reception was held to honour our retirees.
- Bianka Pecka, Rochester student, won the national Canadian Royal Mint Golden Jubilee Writing Competition, phrasing her question in French. Bianka will travel to Winnipeg and meet the Queen.
- Representative team attended the Ministry of Education ministry training session on School Planning Councils and is working to develop our local policy.
- Facilities celebrations included the grand opening of playground equipment at James Park and Pleasantside Elementary Schools and the Riverside Gazebo project at Peace Park officially opened.

### The Foundation Skills Assessment

Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) results were issued late this afternoon and details will be released in near future.

### Parent Satisfaction Survey Results

Assistant Superintendent Julie Pearce and District Principal Donna Greenstreet presented the Interpretation of District Results of the Ministry of Education's Satisfaction Surveys. The survey results will assist the school district with development, and will be included on the district Performance Plan. Students in grades 4, 7, 10 and 12 and their parents were surveyed as were staff. Information was provided regarding the context, overall strengths, and areas of further analysis. Overall satisfaction, safety, and parent satisfaction received high or very high ratings.

### Performance Plan Process

Assistant Superintendent Julie Pearce outlined the process to review the district Performance Plan. The goals of the district Performance Plan are:

- Improve students literacy skills
- Improve students numeracy skills
- Increase the number of students graduating
- Improve students sense of belonging.

Input from schools and stakeholders will be included in the report. The goals will remain the same but targets and strategies may be revised. Factors to include:

- Transition rates
- Report card marks
- Parent satisfaction survey results, and
- Graduation marks.

The finalized Performance Plan will be presented to the Board at the October 22nd Board Meeting for approval and sent to the Ministry of Education by October 31st.

**Secretary-Treasurer Lorcan O'Melinn** presented an update on the Coquitlam City Soccer Association's Montgomery Fields Lighting Project. The topic of the field lighting will be placed on the City of Coquitlam / School District Liaison Committee Meeting agenda.

## Board Committee Reports

### City of Port Coquitlam Liaison Meeting

Trustee Judy Shirra reported that the following items were discussed:

- Crossing guards at Westwood
- Artificial field at Riverside
- Terry Fox Theatre
- Application and costs of daycare
- School district capital plan presented by Director of Facilities, Services, Bill Low
- Terry Fox Secondary School
- Community schools
- Blakeburn start time
- School site acquisition charges.

## Unfinished Business

### Action Plan Concerning Ministry Funding

The Board and the partner group presidents met with MLA's Christy Clark, Richard Stewart, Karn Manhas, and Harry Bloy's assistant to emphasize the negative impacts of the net underfunding of education on the school district.

### School Consolidation Update

Assistant Superintendents' Gary Conley and David Osborne presented an overview of the school consolidation review process since June 2002 as follows:

- Terms of reference adopted
- Phase One with a report and a short list of schools identified for possible closure
- Some Partner groups withdrew from the committee
- Board review of dates: school profiles, enrolment, finances, enrolment operating capacity, enrolment projections, catchment groupings
  1. Baker Drive, Cedarbrook, Coronation Park, Moody
  2. Burquitlam, Miller Park
  3. Parkland, Vanier
  4. Cape Horn, Montgomery, Mundy Road, R.C. MacDonald
  5. College Park, Seaview

The operating capacity in 2002 and projected for 2012.

The potential financial surveys of school consolidation and school annexation were shown.

A special public Board Meeting to discuss school consolidation will be held after the Education Committee Meeting on Tuesday, October 8th, at 8:00 p.m.

## **New Business**

The Board received and approved the Financial Statements for 2001/2002.

The Board considered and approved Capital Project Amendment Bylaw No. 4B-2002 regarding the completion funding for Heritage Mountain Secondary School.

Trustee Representatives for Remembrance Day Services are as follows:

Coquitlam — Gail Alty, Barb Hobson, Brian Robinson, Gerri Wallis

Port Coquitlam — John J. Keryluk, Judy Shirra

Port Moody — Barry Tyldesley, Keith Watkins.

## **BCSTA Items / Business**

BCSTA Motions for the Provincial Council Meeting were reviewed. Trustees Holly Butterfield and Brian Robinson will attend the meeting on behalf of the Board.

# **Happy World Teachers' Day October 5, 2002**

### **Mark Your Calendar!**

#### **Next Regular Board Meeting**

Tuesday, October 22, 2002 @  
7:30 p.m.

District Office, Board Room

#### **For more information on the Board Update, contact:**

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